

Abingdon Community Council Meeting
March 26, 2012

There were 5 members (C. David Copenhaver, Cynthia Hergenbahn, Earl Grey, Carlin Cook, Gregory Beaty) and 17 guests in attendance including: Deputy Logsdon (Harford County Sheriff's Office), Dion Guthrie (Harford County Council), Martha Valentine (Harford County Cultural Arts Board), Judge Elizabeth Bowen, and Ed Andrews (candidate for judge)

The next meeting will be April 23, 2012 at 6:30 at the Abingdon Public Library. There will be no meeting in May.

- The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Cynthia Hergenbahn, Chairperson.
 - Cynthia Hergenbahn recognized the two candidates running for judge in the upcoming election and announced that they would not be able to make a campaign pitch because the Harford County Libraries are dedicated to remaining neutral and do not allow campaigning.
 - Council member David Copenhaver distributed a handout and gave a few updates.
 - Announced the State Highway Administration took some fencing down on the bridge at Rt. 136 and Hookers Mill Rd. which has been helpful when making a left turn off Hookers Mill onto Rt. 136.
 - Stated that The Box Hill Corporate Center will be responsible for road improvements along Abingdon Road between 924 and Blue Silver Rd. Work is to start late spring or early summer.
 - Announced that Pamela Drive will be closed from Rt. 40 to Frans Drive for 4-6 weeks for the installation of a sewer main.
 - Announced Cedar Lane will be closed to through traffic from March 27 –April for road construction.
 - Cynthia H. announced that the Abingdon Community Council would have a table at “The Early Years Expo” at Abingdon Elementary School on Saturday, April 14 from 9-1. She thanked an anonymous Harford County employee for donating the \$20 table fee. She also gave a special thank you to the owners of the Abingdon Copy, Print & Party Supplies for printing our brochure free of charge.
 - Deputy Logsdon - Community Policing
 - There were a couple of shed burglaries. These typically occur at night.
 - There were a couple of house burglaries. These typically happen during the day when no one is home.
 - Warm weather means more foot and bicycle patrols in neighborhoods.
 - The new Southern District building dedication will be March 30 from 10 – 11:30. Public is welcome to tour the building.
 - If you see something suspicious, call 911. It's better to be safe than sorry.
 - Cynthia announced that there would be a community input hearing on April 9 at 6pm at the Box Hill Corporate Center Drive offices of Morris and Ritchie Associates to consider the variance request by the Suits at James Run located at 543 and 95 to allow for longer stays. County Councilman, Dion Guthrie, stepped out of the room during this announcement because the County Council could eventually be asked to hear an appeal on the issue. Councilman Guthrie said he believes that the board of appeals should be a separate appointed board.
 - Community Council member Earl Grey stated that our Facebook followers are growing slowly.
 - Cynthia announced:
 - “Clear Your Clutter Day” coming to Harford Community College on April 28 from 10 – 2, entrance 3, Fallston Parking Lot.
 - Journey Stories coming to Harford County. It is sponsored by the Smithsonian, Harford County Libraries, and the Harford County Government. Main exhibit starts at the library on May 18, and there is a car show at the Lions Club in Jarrettsville on April 14.
- Dion Guthrie – Harford County Council (dfguthrie@harfordcountymd.gov)
- Budget discussions with the County Executive are starting
 - Pushing for a new school to be built between Old Post/William Paca; upon completion the old buildings would be razed.
 - Still has a concern about the proposed Waste Transfer Station to be built on Rt. 7 near Rt.152.
- Martha Valentine from the Cultural Arts Board distributed a handout of FAQs concerning the proposed Cultural Arts Center; she invited people to attend the Meet & Greet on Wednesday, March 27 from 5-7 at the Liriodendron Mansion.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm by Chairperson Cynthia Hergenbahn.

Minutes submitted by Donna Copenhaver